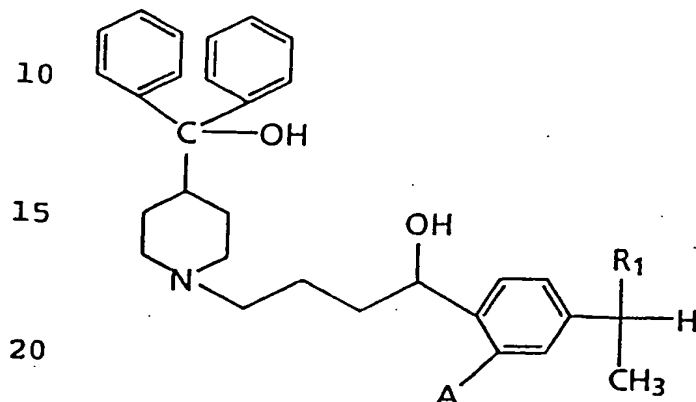


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A compound of the formula



wherein R₁ is -CH₃, -CH₂OH, -COOH or -COO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and
25 A is hydrogen or hydroxy;
including the stereoisomers, enantiomers, racemic mixtures
thereof or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 30 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is H.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is OH.

4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -CH₃.

- 35 5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
-CH₂OH.

6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -COOH.

7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
-COO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
-COO-(C₁₋₃)alkyl.

9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is 4-[4-[4-[hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-
hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetic acid.

5 10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is ethyl 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetate.

10 11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]-2-methylphenethyl alcohol.

15 12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-(4-isopropylphenyl) butanol.

20 13. A composition comprising an assayable amount of a compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more inert carriers.

25 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective antiallergic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

30 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective antihistaminic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

35 16. A method for treating allergic reactions in a patient in need thereof which comprises administering to said patient an effective antiallergic compound of claim 1.

17. A method for treating allergic reactions in a patient in need thereof which comprises administering to said patient an effective antihistaminic compound of claim 1.